

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE MADONNA

is sly
puts a strain
on your heart
instead of giving
you strokes,
could make
you have
one

MAIN SQUEEZE MADONNA

gets you in the
pleats of her
accordion and
plays you

MADONNA WHO'S HAD IT WITH HIM

wonders if
she can
have it again

MADONNA LOVES WHAT HE SAYS

but knows his
eyes are deceptive,
hypnotic as blue
water off Big
Sur that could
suck metal and
wheels in be
cause of its
beauty, that his
grandfather lived
1 mile from the
blarney stone

HURRICANE MADONNA: 1

you can track
her but she
rarely does
what you suppose

HURRICANE MADONNA: 2

she's fierce
sends furniture
flying into
the streets
messes your
sheets and
drawers breaks
your house up
into pieces
just lets you
catch your
breath then
does you in

READING MADONNA

would rather
open a book
than her legs

COFFEE MADONNA

steams your
glasses makes
you speedy you
can't face too
many Mondays
without her

REFRIGERATOR MADONNA

as long as she
hums and vibrates
you know what
you put in
her will get
hard fast

WAITRESS MADONNA

tries not to
blow her top
so she won't
blow her tip

— Lyn Lifshin

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